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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN/NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

REF: A. STATE 020915 B. MONROVIA 0340

1. I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER QUESTION  
GOL ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA FOLLOWING  
DISCUSSION VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS. DENNIS RECOUNTED SEQUENCE EVENTS  
ALONG LINES REF B. WITH FOLLOWING VARIATIONS:

(A) IN AUTHORIZING LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TO AGREE  
IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HE HAD  
NOT ANTICIPATED THAT LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE FACED WITH  
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHILE IN PYONGYANG;

(B) GOL VIEWED ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS  
AS A FURTHERANCE OF THE DIALOGUE FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TWO  
COUNTRIES. DENNIS CONFIRMED THAT GOL HAD TAKEN NO INITIATIVE  
AND WOULD CONTINUE TO LEAVE IT TO NORTH KOREA TO SET THE PACE.

I NOTED THAT SOUTH KOREA HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR OF MOST CONCILIA-  
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TORY GESTURES TO DATE AND THAT NORTH KOREAN POSTURE SEEMED

TO BE HARDENING RECENTLY. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE IN OUR  
INTEREST NOT TO REWARD NORTH KOREANS FOR THE INTRANSIGENCE  
AND TO DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS UNTIL  
NORTH KOREA PRESENTED A MORE BALANCED APPROACH IN ITS DEALINGS  
WITH SOUTH KOREA.  
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